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G.O. No. 23

Dated 3-1-52

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Revenue Department.

G.O.No.23, dated 3rd January 1952.

Estates - Abolition - Working of mines by landholders - Grant of licences - Preference to be given ~~t~~ in certain cases - Orders passed.

READ--the following paper:-

Government Memorandum No.73430-MJ/48-5, Revenue dated 9th July 1949.

ORDER--No.23, Revenue, dated the 3rd January 1952.

Certain zamindars have represented to Government that a specific provision should be made in the Abolition Act to the effect that a landholder should be deemed to be a lessee of the Government in respect of all mines and quarries in his estate which he was working or prospecting at the time his estate was taken over by the Government. The Government have examined the representation. They consider that it is unnecessary to make a specific provision in the Act as suggested by the zamindars.

2. In paragraph 3 of their Memorandum No.73430-MJ/48-5, Revenue, dated 9th July 1949, the Government informed the Board of Revenue that landholders who were themselves working the mines in their estates should be allowed to continue to work them and that mining leases or licences should be granted to them for the purpose. This does not give protection to those landholders who were prospecting for a certain mineral in their estates at the time their estates were taken over by the Government. Normally the interests of such landholders would be protected by the Mining Rules, as a ~~prospectxxx~~ prospector who holds a licence to prospect usually gets first preference for a mining lease. Being their own lands, such landholders might not have taken out prospecting licences. The Government, therefore, consider that it is necessary to give protection to such landholders. The Government accordingly direct that in a case in which the landholder was genuinely prospecting for any mineral or minerals in his estate at the time his estate was taken over and who can prove this fact beyond doubt, a licence or a lease for the mineral or minerals in question should be granted to him in preference to any other applicant, if any, for the same area. The Board is requested to issue suitable instructions in this regard to the Collectors of districts.

(By ~~Xxq~~ Order of the Governor)

S.K.Chettur,
Secretary to Government.

To The Board of Revenue(Settlement of Estates).
To the Raja of Venkatagiri, Venkatagiri.
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